

STATE OF NEBRASKA



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Life Safety Code Requirements For Existing Limited Care Facilities



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The requirements for Existing Limited Care Facilities are found in chapter 19 of the Life Safety Code, Health Care Occupancies. Residents of Limited Care Facilities are considered to be incapable of self-preservation.

Construction Type	Single story buildings must be fire resistive, protected noncombustible or fire sprinkler protected. Most multiple story buildings must be fire sprinkler protected. Unprotected wood frame construction is not permitted for multiple story buildings.
Locks on Doors	Locks on egress doors are not permitted unless a delayed-egress, keypad, or other acceptable means is used.
Corridor Width	48 inches, minimum.
Door Width	34 inches, minimum.
Number of Exits	Two per floor, minimum.
Arrangement of Means of Egress	Recommended maximum dead-end of 30 feet. Travel distance from a resident room door to an exit shall not exceed 100 feet, 150 feet if fire sprinkler protected.
Discharge from Exits	Exits shall be enclosed with rated construction.
Emergency Lighting and Exit Signs	Emergency lighting and exit signs are required.
Vertical Openings	One hour fire rating for any vertical opening used as, or exposed to a means of egress.
Hazardous Areas	Hazard areas such as boiler and heater rooms, laundries, repair shops, handicraft shops, locker rooms, or soiled linen rooms shall be separated by one hour rated construction or fire sprinkler protected.

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Interior Finish	Class A or B except that existing Class C finish can remain in rooms not open to corridors in fire sprinkler protected buildings.
Fire Alarm System	Full fire alarm system with manual operation, occupant notification, automatic fire department notification and smoke detection in corridors or patient rooms* <i>*Smoke detection not required when fire sprinkler protected.</i>
Fire Sprinkler System	See construction type and corridor separation requirements. NFPA 13 system must be installed if a system is provided.
Fire Extinguishers	Required. Maximum 75 feet to reach an extinguisher.
Corridor Walls	Corridor walls must be 20 minute fire rated or smoketight if the building is fire sprinkler protected. When a combination of fire sprinklers, smoke detection and staff supervision is provided, open spaces such as lobbies and nurse stations are permitted.
Corridor Doors	1 3/4 inch thick doors unless fire sprinkler protected. No door closers required for doors to sleeping rooms.
Smoke Barriers	A 30 minute rated smoke barrier that divides the building into compartments is required when a floor used for sleeping rooms is: 1) occupied by more than 30 residents, or is 2) more than 22,500 square feet in area, or 3) the travel distance from any point to reach a smoke barrier exceeds 200 feet.* <i>*A smoke barrier is not required when neither the length nor width of the smoke compartment exceeds 150 feet.</i>
Outside Window or Door	Every patient sleeping room shall have an outside window or door. The maximum sill height is 44 inches.